

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Bowser House Survey Number: G-IV-A-281

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.

Conan - O'Brien
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

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Date

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Bowser House
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509 E Street
Oakland vicinity
1940
Private

The Bowser House is a single-story, frame, facade gable-roofed house with a three-bay-wide facade and asbestos shingle siding. All of the windows appear to be original. The front single leaf door is a nine light Craftsman Style unit.

According to County tax records the Bowser House was constructed in 1940 and relates to the twentieth century architectural and historical transformation of Mountain Lake Park from a late nineteenth century resort community to a mid-twentieth century residential year round neighborhood. This house helps to document the mid-twentieth century adaptation of the historic community.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Bowser House

2. Location

street & number 509 E Street not for publication

city, town Oakland ☒ vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Russell H. and E. Jane Bowser

street & number 509 E Street telephone 301-334-9698

city, town Mountain Lake Park state and zip code MD 21550-3201

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78A-4028

city, town Oakland liber and folio 266/212 - 435/734

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
| | | | <u>0</u> | |

7. Description

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| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on the east side of the street, at 509 East Street, the Bowser House is in Mountain Lake Park. The dwelling is perpendicular to the road and constructed into an upward sloping hill. The property is bounded by a metal chain link fence on the south elevation, low-lying shrubs and trees on the north and east, and a modern concrete block garage and the road's edge of pavement on the west.

The single-story, frame, facade gable-roofed house is rectangle-shaped, has a three-bay-wide-facade and is sheathed with asbestos shingle siding. A full width one-room-deep single-story addition is appended to the rear or east wall. This wing has an asphalt shingle shed roof, plywood cladding, and plastic sheeting covering the upper half of the wall plane. Situated on the facade is an engaged porch with panelled wood posts on a closed rail siding with asbestos shingles. Plastic sheeting protects the openings and the porch is supported on concrete block piers which are partially obscured by lattice skirting.

All of the windows appear to be original: 3/1 light, double-hung, wood sashes; and fixed wood sashes in the basement. The rear door opening was not visible; however, the front single leaf door is a nine light Craftsman Style unit. The house has one exterior brick chimney stack on the south elevation and rests upon a concrete block foundation

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8. SignificanceInventory No. ~~G-IV-A-181~~

| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |
| Specific dates | 1940 | Builder/Architect | Unknown | | |

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

According to County tax records the Bowser House was constructed in 1940 and relates to the twentieth century architectural and historical component of the transformation of Mountain Lake Park from a late nineteenth century resort community to a mid-twentieth century residential year round neighborhood. Mountain Lake Park had lost much of its former vitality during the 1920's and 1930's and by 1941 had become a primarily residential area. By extending the boundaries of the National Register Historic District, this house helps to document the mid-twentieth century adaptation of the historic community.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.14 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.14 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 78A, Lot 4028, District 16

11. Form Prepared By

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| name/title | Helen P. Ross, Architectural Historian | | |
| organization | KCI Technologies, Inc. | date | 3-11-97 |
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| city or town | Hunt Valley | state and zip code | MD 21030-1888 |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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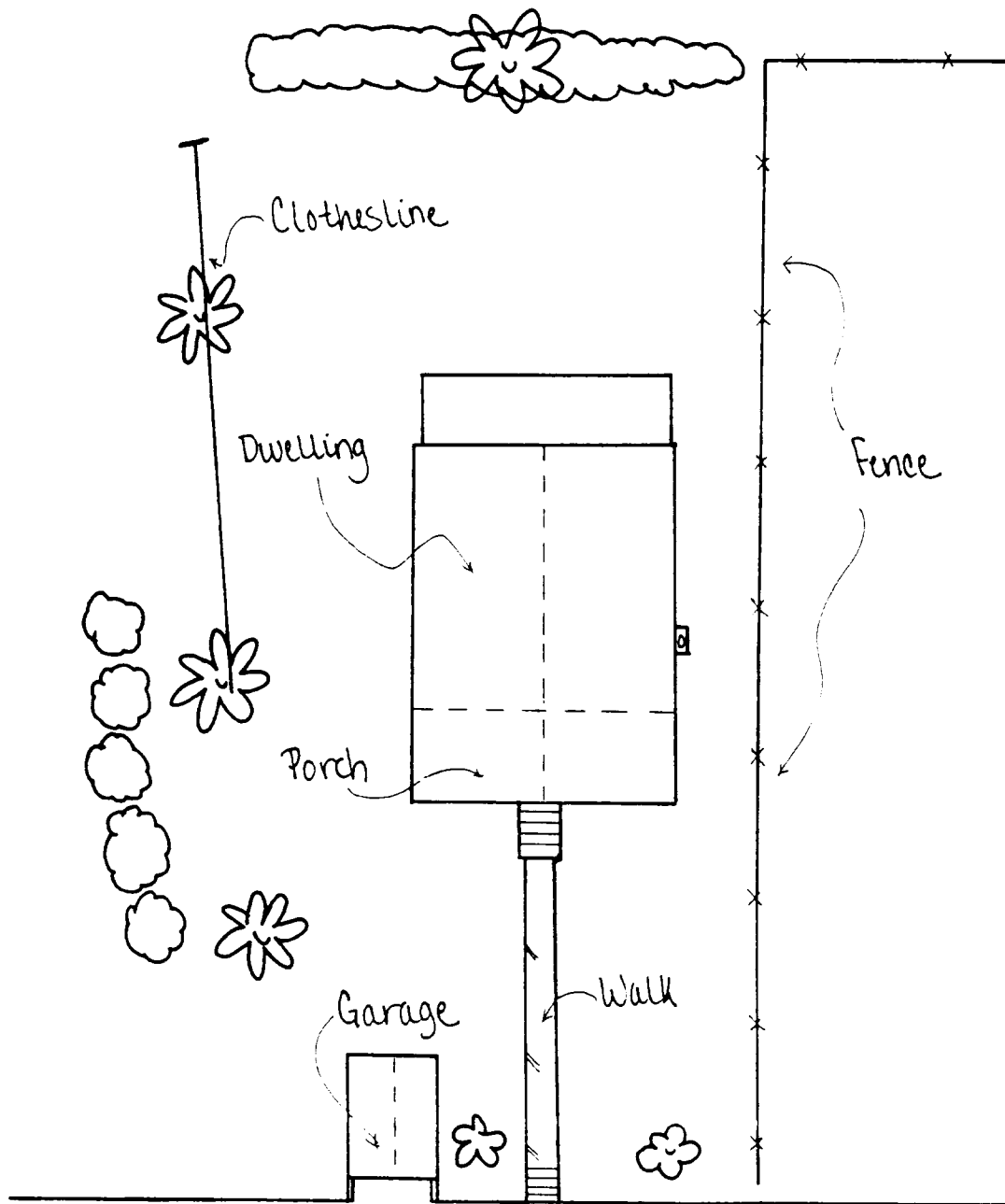
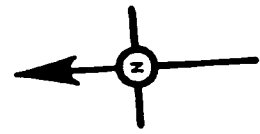
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Resource Sketch Map

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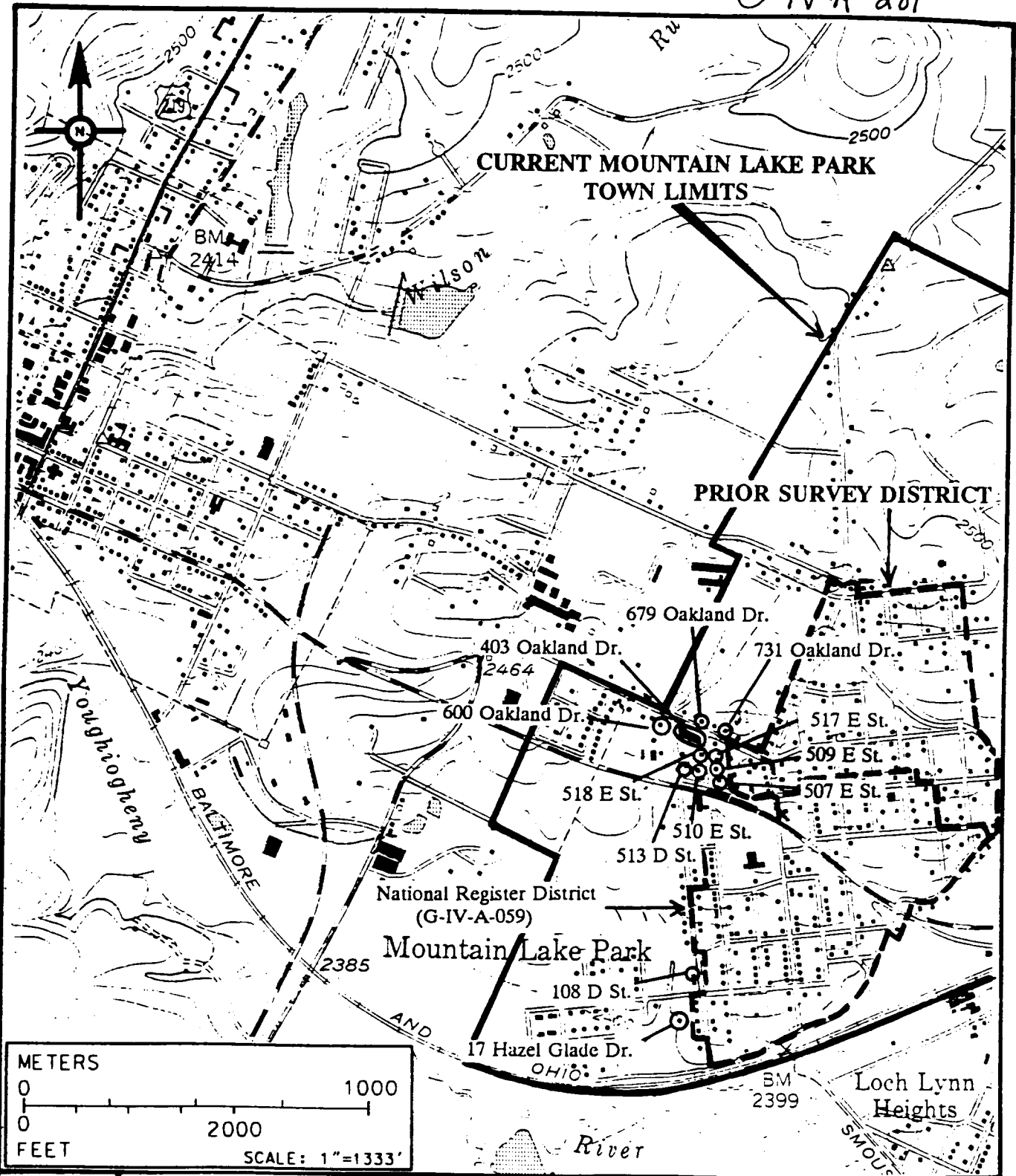
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Russel H. & E. Jane Bowser House

509 "E" Street

Mt. Lake Park, Garrett County

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(Addenda to Mt. Lake Park Survey District)
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Mt. Lake Park Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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